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Brief Outline of Research Findings

We have developed new perturbation formulas for signal and orthogonal subspaces which are estimated from a noisy data matrix. These formulas are:

- based on a *finite* amount of data,
- derived under the assumption of high signal-to-noise ratio,
- applicable to arrays of arbitrary geometry,

and they provide a common foundation for all our analyses, [1,3]. We have analyzed a number of array processing algorithms which we classify as follows: [4]

1. Signal subspace algorithms: ESPRIT, State-space realization (including TAM), and Matrix Pencil,
2. Orthogonal subspace algorithms: MUSIC and Min-Norm.

We have developed analytical variance formulas for the case in which estimates are obtained by searching for the extrema of a function (used with arbitrary array geometry) [1], as well as the case in which estimates are obtained by rooting a polynomial or finding the eigenvalues of a matrix (used with a uniform line array geometry) [2,6].

In addition, we have developed improvements to a state-space algorithm for frequency-wavenumber (2-D) estimation. We give a procedure to pair individual frequency and wavenumber estimates, and we also show how a 2-D forward-backward data matrix can be used to improve the performance of the state-space approach [5].

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Analytical Performance Comparison of The Min-Norm and MUSIC Algorithms with Arbitrary Array Geometry

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This paper presents a new, non-asymptotic performance comparison between the Min-Norm and MUSIC algorithms for estimating the directions of arrival of narrow-band plane waves impinging on an array of sensors. The analysis is based on a finite amount of sensor data, unlike many previous asymptotic analyses. The analysis presented here makes the assumption of high signal-to-noise ratio, and it applies to arrays of arbitrary geometry. It is shown that Min-Norm can be expressed as a certain data-dependent weighted MUSIC algorithm, and this relationship allows a unified performance comparison. It is also shown that the variances of the estimated directions-of-arrival from the MUSIC algorithm are always smaller than those of the Min-Norm algorithm at high SNR when both algorithms employ a numerical search procedure to obtain the estimates.

A Unified Performance Analysis of Subspace-Based Polynomial-Rooting Algorithms for DOA Estimation

Fu Li and Richard J. Vaccaro

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In this paper, a non-asymptotic statistical performance analysis using matrix approximation is applied to a common model for orthogonal-subspace based polynomial-rooting methods for direction-of-arrival (DOA) estimation. In particular, the Min-Norm and Root-MUSIC algorithms are analyzed. The major result is a formula for variance of the estimated DOA's. The formula shows that the estimates obtained by Root-MUSIC have a smaller variance than those obtained by Min-Norm at high-SNR. The analytical results are verified by simulations.

Unified Performance Analysis of Subspace-Based Estimation Algorithms

Fu Li, Richard J. Vaccaro, and Donald W. Tufts

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This paper presents a unified performance analysis of subspace-based algorithms for directions-of-arrival (DOA) estimation involving multiple signal arrivals in array signal processing. Following our previous analyses of MUSIC and Min-Norm, an analytical expression of the variance of the DOA estimation-error is developed here for State-Space Realization (TAM) and ESPRIT in a greatly simplified fashion. The tractable formulas provide insight for design. Simulation results verify the analysis.

Analytical Performance Prediction of Subspace-Based Algorithms for DOA Estimation

Fu Li and Richard J. Vaccaro

Proceedings of the Second International Workshop on SVD and Signal Processing, June, 1990

In this paper, a non-asymptotic statistical performance analysis using matrix approximation is applied to subspace-based algorithms for direction-of-arrival (DOA) estimation. In particular, the MUSIC, Min-Norm, State-Space Realization (TAM and DDA) and ESPRIT algorithms are analyzed. An analytical expression of the variance of the DOA estimation-error is developed for theoretical comparison in a greatly simplified and self-contained fashion. The tractable formulas provide insight into the algorithms. Simulation results verify the analysis.

On Frequency-Wavenumber Estimation By State-Space Realization

Fu Li and Richard J. Vaccaro

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Most existing techniques for frequency-wavenumber estimation require a computationally expensive numerical search over a two-dimensional (2-D) parameter space for the maximum or minimum of a function. A method has been proposed using state-space models which decomposes the 2-D problem into two 1-D problems and provides an analytical solution (i.e. without searching) in each dimension separately. In this paper, we show how the separate estimates obtained by the state-space approach can be grouped into pairs of estimates corresponding to each 2-D signal. In addition, we show how a 2-D forward-backward data matrix can be used to improve the performance of the state-space approach.

Performance Analysis of The State Space Realization (TAM) and ESPRIT Algorithms for DOA Estimation

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This paper presents a performance analysis of signal subspace-based algorithms for directions-of-arrival (DOA) estimation involving multiple signal arrivals in array signal processing. Following our previous analyses of orthogonal subspace based algorithms (MUSIC and Min-Norm), an analytical expression of the variance of the DOA estimation-error is developed here for signal subspace based algorithms (State-Space Realization (TAM) and ESPRIT) Simulation results verify the analysis.

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